



Adjusting Fees in Health and Social Services Legislation Questions and Answers

What Legislative Fees are being adjusted?

A complete table of fees can be found here: www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/fee-rates. Examples of the adjusted fees include Dental registration fees, copy of death certificates and food establishment permits.

Why are the fees being adjusted?

To meet current inflation, fees are adjusted every five years. The next adjustment is scheduled for 2023.

How much are fees being adjusted?

Fees will be adjusted to reflect an increase in the Consumer Price Index of 7.2% from 2013-2018.

How will residents know what the fees are?

A complete table of the fee adjustments can be found here: www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/fee-rates. Professional associations were notified through a letter, and professionals will be notified of the fee at time of renewal of their professional license.

All application forms that list fees are updated.



Will my employer pay the fees?

In most instances fees for professionals are covered by employers (i.e. Optometrist licenses). Most vital statistics fees will be an adjustment to all residents. These include birth, marriage and death registration, and change of name. For example a death certificate fee was \$20 and on May 15, 2018 will be \$22.

Fees for accessing your own health records have not changed. Fees are only charged if the costs associated with providing the access to the records is more than \$100. In most cases, no fee is charged to residents who are accessing their own records.

How do I pay for these fees?

The Department accepts visa, MasterCard, cheques and cash at the Health Services Administration Office in Inuvik or at the Professional Licensing Office in Yellowknife.

What if I can't pay my fee?

Fees under the *Adoption Act*, *Change of Name Act*, *Health Information Act*, and *Vital Statistics Act* can be waived in certain circumstances. For example, the adoption fee can be waived if the person cannot afford it, and the fees can be waived under *Vital Statistics Act* to correct a clerical error.

Professional registration and licensing fees cannot be waived.

How are the fees determined?

The fees, last set in 2013, have been adjusted to reflect inflation during the past five years, measured as the change in the Consumer Price Index since 2013, rounded to the nearest dollar. For example, a certified copy of a birth certificate was \$30, and on May 15, 2018 the new fee will be \$33.